(b) if so, the main objectives thereof and the amount spent on this project;

(c) whether this project was implemented in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof and the areas where the project was implemented;

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether such projects are being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A pilot project on rice was taken up during 1984-85 in selected blocks in Assam, Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Eastern Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal as a fore-runner to the main project with the objective to identify the constraints to higher rice productivity and production. An outlay of Rs. 500.06 lakh was provided for implementation of pilot project on rice.

(c) and (d) The pilot project was not implemented in Tamil Nadu as the objective of the project was to identify the constraints in rice production in low rice productivity States. However, during 1988-89 and 1989-90 a Centrally Sponsored Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice was implemented in 8 selected districts of Tamil Nadu *viz*: Chengalpattu. South Arcot, North Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Pudukottui and Madurai.

(e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Programme for Rice Development" is being implemented during 1990-91 in 19 rice growing States including Tamil Nadu. The districts covered under the scheme in Tamil Nadu are the 8 above mentioned districts and Ramanathapuram. The scheme is being implemented on 75:25 funding pattern to be shared between the Government of India and the concerned States. Rs. 87 crores have been provided as Central Share for implementation of the scheme during 1990-91.

Dairy Science College in Assam

1994. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a Dairy Science College in Assam;

(b) if so, whether the college would start functioning from the next academic year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, no such proposal is under consideration of Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Establishing a Dairy Science College is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Atrocities on Harijans

1995. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected the statistics about the atrocities committed against Harijans in different parts of the country during the last six months; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details of cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes during January, 1990 to June, 1990 is given Statement attached.